
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| First Named Inventor: | Barry Byron | |
| Appln. No.: | 10/656,027 | Confirmation No.: 8490 |
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| Title: | Apparatus and Method for Sealing a Bag | Group Art Unit: 3721 |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 18, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.